



Welcome to “Gnat Solitaire” (or gnatsol for short). This card game was created during the years 2010-2011 by N.Torres and is a version of solitaire meant to be played physically with actual playing cards in a small (or limited) space (or area). Its purpose is to be able to play it anywhere, even on a small chair if need be. It is designed to be easygoing, a simple distraction from one’s surroundings. It is the desire of the author to ease stress in people’s daily lives. This book is free.

# Getting Started: The Rules

1.

You will need, of course, a deck of cards. Keep the two jokers. In Gnat Solitaire they are known as the “Death Jokers.”



Shuffle the deck excellently. Create four rows called “piles.” Each pile has six cards facing down (“the Hidden.”) The seventh card faces up “the Revealed.”



A Death Joker locks a pile, you cannot access the Hidden Cards. Only the other Death Joker can unlock the pile. This is the easiest way to lose the game. If unlocked both Death Jokers are placed aside for the duration of the game.

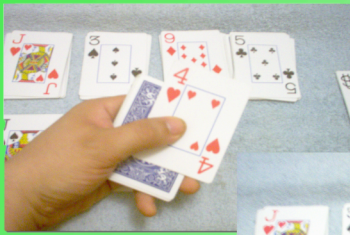


If you cannot unlock a pile ... you lose! Start over. Awwww.



## The Rules of the Hand

2.



There are two aspects of the cards in the hand. The Hidden to be used which face down, and the unused revealeds which are tucked under facing up.

You can look at what is already revealed which is facing you at any time to plan future moves, but, you cannot look at the Hidden Cards in your hand.



When you have depleted your Hidden Cards simply flip the Revealed Cards over instantly making them Hidden again.

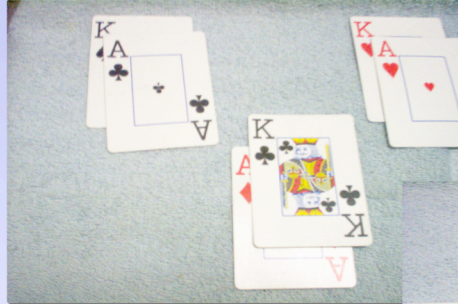


A quick note: the Cards are set down in a numerical fashion, counting both forwards as well as backwards. Suits do not count. The game is not concerned with colors or symbols. Spade, Clubs, Diamonds, and Hearts do not exist, they can all be placed on eachother. But, one type of Card cannot "sit" on the same type. See the example to the left: the King is not allowed to sit on another King. You cannot double sit. It's a no-no.

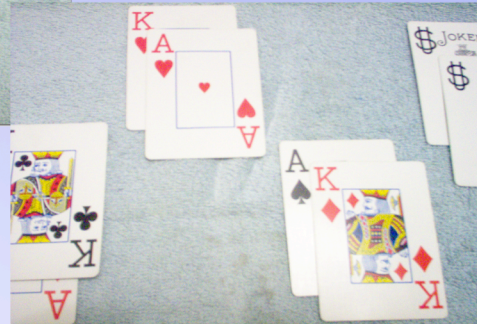


## About Upper and Lower Levels: Ownership 3.

Kings cannot occupy a space meant for an Ace.



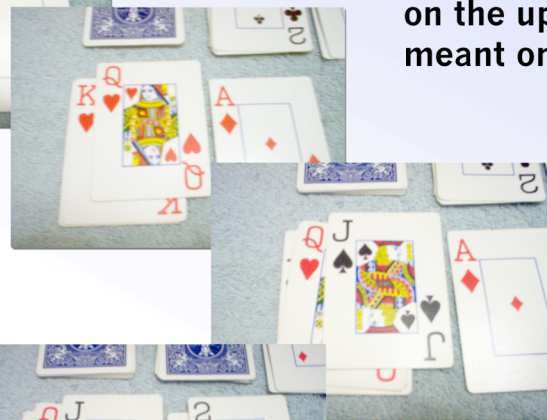
The Kings rule the free spaces on the upper level and the Aces rule the free spaces on the lower level.



An Ace cannot likewise be placed in an empty space on the upper level, which is meant only for Kings.



Lower level piles are created as Aces appear in upper piles or in the Hand.



Moving Cards is how to get rid of the Cards that are in the Hand.



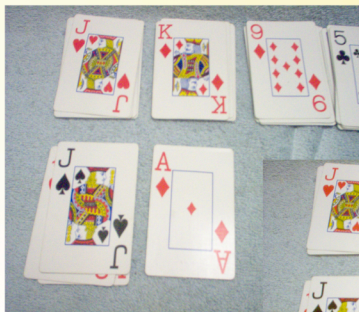
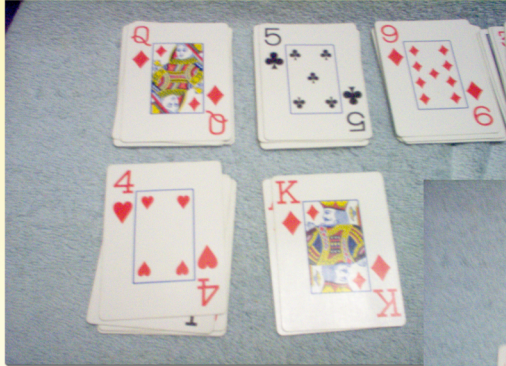
An Ace can sit on a King in the upper row once a King is sitting, be it in a space or on a pile.



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## Moving Cards Up and Down the Levels

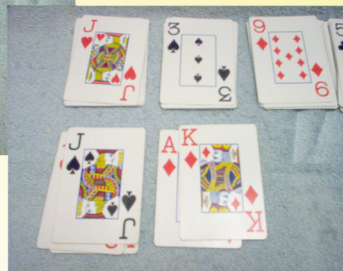
Four lower rows are reserved for the four Aces. Only the Aces can begin piles in the lower areas. An Ace can be moved to an upper level pile.



A Queen moves from the upper level to sit on a King in the lower level.



A King moves down from the upper level to sit on the Ace in the lower level thereby revealing a three.

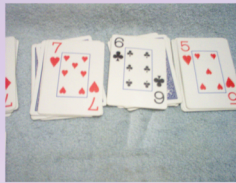


The Upper Level has four piles, so does the lower level. That's a total of eight piles staring at you. Include the two Death Jokers off to one side and the Cards in your hand and that's a game that can be played in a small boat lost at sea.

## GamePlay: Easy to Follow Long Example

5.

7, 6, and 5



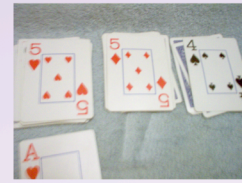
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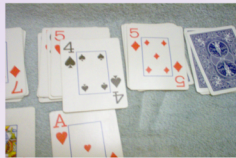
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Revealing 5, 4



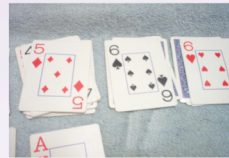
4 sits on 5



5 sits on 4



Revealing 6, 6



Pan Left



6 sits on 7



6 sits on 5



For access to:

King, Queen



King sits on lower Ace, Queen on lower King, and so on ...





## Moving a Heavy Load From Pile to Pile

6.

You can see the 9 of Hearts second row on lower level. The 8 of Diamonds was on the first on the right in the upper pile.



A Load can be moved, that is many cards in a pile, as many as are revealed, that is facing up, to another pile. Move one Card at a time rather than the whole Load together. The numbers must be in the proper sequence.



Now you see the entire Load was moved and the next Card in the pile revealed. The single Death Joker is a locked pile with no Hidden underneath it and is therefore not much of a threat. Or is it? Hmmm.

# Author's Notes

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By now you should know how to play Gnat Solitaire. Have fun, enjoy it, and don't start World War III over it. It's just not that important.

I dedicate this game to Linda Posner, my love and joy for 14-years, who died of cancer in 2009. I miss you very much and am having a tough time without you. You kept me steady.

Linda often sought to create her own computer solitaire game but illness and other matters prevented her from ever making her dream come true.

In my own little way I've fulfilled that dream, and am now releasing it to the world for people to enjoy. This is not the complex game Linda sought to create. This one is much more simple.

What was difficult was creating the book you now hold in your hands! What a task! But a joy too! I thank God for giving me the time and energy to finish it, as well as the tools with which to do it.

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